

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: BABICH *et al.*

Title: TECHNETIUM-AND RHENIUM-BIS (HETEROARYL)
COMPLEXES, AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Examiner Jones:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action, dated May 16, 2011, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant notes that this communication is timely filed within two months of the mailing of a Final Office Action, with July 16, 2011, falling on a Saturday. Accordingly, Applicant believes this to be timely within the advisory period.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card

payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: